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G.O. No. 5440

Dated 3 4 48

[Despatch Abstract.]

Agriculture - Grow More Food - Petrol for tractors registered after 1-10-1948 - withholding of - press note issued . Papers Recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Public Works (Information and Publicity) Department.

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PRESS NOTE NO. 242, dated the 22nd October 1948.

Sub: Agriculture - Machinery - Tractors - Supply of Petrol.

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The Agricultural Department has informed importers and the public that petrol driven tractors are extremely expensive to operate and has discouraged those machines on account of the hight cost. The supplies of petrol for agricultural purposes have been considerable cut down and no supplies of petrol cannot be granted for tractors using petrol. In view of the acute shortage of petrol and with a view to conserve the available quantities it is considered necessary to stop the issue of petrol for tractors run on petrol. The Government have carefully considered the matter and decided not to issue any petrol to these tractors purchased and registered on or after 1-10-1948 and have instructed the Petrol Rationing Officer accordingly. Petrol for starting Rationing Officer accordingly. Petrol for starting and operational purposes for tractors in use before this date will be allowed as usual subject to availability. Tractors running on powerine or kerosene are available and the public are advised to buy these machinery instead of machines operating on petrol entirely.

ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY IN CHARGE.

Agricultural Department

From
Sri. B.M. Lakshmipathy
B.E., M.E., M.R.A.S.E.,
Joint Director of Agriculture,
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Food & Agriculture Departments
Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

293/49 dated 31-8-1949.

Sir,

Sub: AGRICULTURE - Machinery - tractors - supply of petrol.
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In their Endorsement No. 71182 (a)/A-IV/48 (Development Department) dated 29-10-1948, the Government have directed the Provincial Rationing Officer, Madras not to issue any petrol to the tractors run on petrol purchased and registered on or after 1st October 1948.

2. It will be seen from the Press note No. 242 dated 22-10-1948 referred in the Government Endorsement cited above that there will be no restriction in regard to the issue of petrol for tractors running on powerine kerosene or Diesel oil needed forstarting purposes. The orders passed in paragraph 2 of the Government endorsement cited above are appatently intended in respect of petrol driven tractors. I request the favour of a clarification in the matter, as the provincial Raioning Officer, Madras in his letter No. 18126/B/4/49 dated 29-8-1949 has stated that petrol should not be allowed for the tractors purchased and registered on or after 1-10-1948. A copy of his letter is enclosed for ready reference.

3. A question has also been raised whether petrol will be issued for unregistered private owned tractors run on powerine, kerosine or diesel oil and purchased either before or after 1-10-1948.

I request orders on this point.

Sd/- B.M. Lakshmi-
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Joint Director of Agricultu

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Assistant Agricultural Engineer

Food & Agriculture Department.

Memo No. 37214-M/49-3 dated 6th October 1949.

AGRICULTURE - Machinery - Tractor - Supply of petrol for starting purposes.

Ref: From the Joint Director of Agriculture - T2-1293/49 dated 31-8-1949.

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The Joint Director of Agriculture is informed that there is no restriction in regard to the supply of petrol for tractors running on powerine, kerosene or diesel oil for starting purposes only; TheProvincial Rationing Officer is requested to allow the supply petrol for starting purposes for all tractors used for agricultural purposes whether the tractors are owned by Government or private persons or whether they are requested before or after.

Sd/- x x x x x x
25.9.1948.

To
The Joint Director of Agriculture.
The Provincial Rationing Officer through the Home Department.

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N O T E F I L E.

Development Department.

SUMMARY

The file relates to the question of issue of petrol for Agricultural Tractors.

Hon'ble Minister (Education) enquired whether petrol could be supplied to ryots if Marshall & Co tractors were bought by them. The Joint Director of Agrriculture who was consulted did not recommend the purchase of these tractors for the following reasons:

(1) The Agricultural Department had informed the importers that it was not economical to run these tractors and that they were not suited for Indian conditions. Ryots had also been informed that it was extreemely expensive to operate these type of tractors;

(2) It would be difficult to stock much large quantities of petrol that would be required to run these tractors in remote villages;

(3) Supplies of petrol could not be guarnateed in view of its scarcity; and

(4) Tractors running on other rules namely powerine and kerosene were available and agriculturists might b be asked to go in for those machines.

This Department have proposed to inform the ryots that they will be ill-advised to buy petrol tractors.

2. As regards the tractors that are already with the Department and with private owners, the Joint Director of Agricultur has stated that, at present there are 51 petrol driven tractors with private parties and a total of 3060 gallons a month may be required for operating them, as a quantity of 60 gallons per mensem will be necessary to start and run each tractor. Besides these tractors there are 211 other tractors with the Agricultural Department and private operators and for starting purposes a quantity of 3165 ~~gallo~~ gallons a month will be required at the rate of 15 gallons a ~~mont~~ month will per tractor. The total quantity required is estimated t to be roughly 6500 gallons of petrol per month. As it is not right to stop issue of petrol to petrol-driven tractors already bought by ryots this department have suggested that the supplied may be continued for those already in use but have promoted that no petrol should be given to tractors registered on or after 1-10-1948. It is also proposed to issue a press note to this effect. Home Department have agreed with this Department and have asked for ~~circ~~ circulation to Hon'ble Minister (Finance). The draft press note has been accepted by Home and Public (Information and Publicity) Departments. An addition has been made in pencil to the endorsemen to the press note marked for the Provincial Rationing Officer. The case may be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture,) Hon'ble Minister (Education), Hon'ble Minister (Public Works) Hon'ble Minister (Finance) and Hon'ble Premier.

Sd/- x x x x x x
6.10.1948.

(Circulated to the following Ministers)

Hon'ble Minister (Agri culture
Hon'ble Minister (Education
Hon'ble Minister(Public Works)
H.M. (Finance.)
H.M. Premier.

I have seen the note above.

At a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee, the Secretary, Development Department stated that the crude oil position is p impoved. But I found when I went on tour this time, they told me k at Coimbatore that the crude oil position has not improved I would like to know how it is improved; whether the Government are watching the situation so that proper supplyof crude oil is made available to the agriculturists for agricultural purposes.

Sd/- x x x x x
15.10.1948.

With reference to secretary's orders along side necessary extracts have been taken and the file is being submitted separately. This may now be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (Public Works), Hon'ble Minister (Finance) and Hon'ble Premier.

Sd/- O.P. Ramaswami Reddiar.
22.10.1948.

The press note at 15 c.f. has been issued and copies have been despatched to Joint Director of Agriculture, Provincial Rationing Officer and Home Department. No further action seems called for. The papers may be recorded.

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2.11.1948.

G.O. Ms. No. 5440 Dated 3-11-1948.

ABSTRACT:

Agriculture - Grow More Food -
Petrol for tractors registered after 1-10-1948
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